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1. (U) This is a corrected copy of Damascus 349 to include additional addressees.
2. (C) The brief and short-notice May 11 visit of Jordan's King Abdullah II to Damascus concluded successfully according to Syrian press and t
3. (C) Consul Oran reported the Jordanian Embassy was particularly pleased with the laudatory news coverage of the Syrian-controlled press, wh
4. (C) Separately, Consul Oran recounted what he characterized as a "strange" comment by FM Muallim during the lunch. According to the diplome
5. (C) Comment: The King's readout provided Bashar with an unusually reliable source of information with respect to Washington dynamics, thoug